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The attention of the Examiner and of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on attached form PTO-1449. The references were cited in a German Office Action, a copy of which is enclosed. Copies of the references are also enclosed.

DE 101 01 056 A1 has been cited by the German examiner in a corresponding German application as showing a paint conduit with all features of claim 1 because the reference, as in claim 1 of the present application, shows a hose arranged in the interior, wherein the hose can be connected to a pressurized fluid source and forms part of the cleaning device, see paragraph 18 and Figs. 1 to 3.

The German examiner further held that the features of the dependent claims are also substantially disclosed by the cited references.

With the submission of this admitted prior art, applicant thus complies with the duty of disclosure as set forth at 37 CFR 1.56.

Respectfully submitted,

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